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Representative Valinda Bolton



Biographical Information

Valinda Bolton was elected in November 2006 to represent District 47 in the Texas House of Representatives. House District 47 encompasses the southwest portion of Travis County and is home to the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center.

A native Texan, Valinda traces her ancestry to General Sam Houston. An independent leader, Valinda has a long career fighting to make Texas communities safer and stronger. For over two decades she has worked with victims – women, children and families caught in a cycle of abuse. She is a nationally recognized leader on domestic violence and sexual assault issues, and a well known child abuse prevention and affordable housing advocate.

After receiving her Masters degree from Texas Tech University Valinda Bolton ran shelters and outreach programs across Texas. Most recently she served as the Training Director for the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence (NCDSV). And as a staff consultant to the Department of Defense Task Force, Valinda traveled the globe training unlikely partners on building collaborations to solve difficult problems.

Serving on numerous boards, Valinda was a founding board member of WOMAN, Inc. (Women Opting for More Affordable Housing Now), a community housing development organization that develops transitional housing for families leaving emergency shelter.

Valinda has served on the boards of several other advocacy organizations, including the Texas Council on Family Violence (TCFV), the National Center on Domestic and Sexual Violence, Schlesinger's Nursing Home, Beaumont YWCA, and The Bridge to Opportunity (a

transitional housing program). Valinda was vice-president of the TCFV board at the time that TCFV opened the National Domestic Violence Hotline. She received the TCFV Member of the Year Award in 1992.

Through her work Valinda has gained a wealth of experience at the local, state and national level and established a proven track record of leadership that has prepared her to serve effectively in the Legislature. She knows what it is to tackle tough issues, to take a stand in the face of resistance and to build bridges to find solutions.

Since election to the House, Valinda has been appointed to membership on the Human Services and Welfare Committee, one of the eleven standing committees of the National Conference of State Legislatures (NCSL). She serves on the Juvenile Justice and Family Issues Committee and the County Affairs Committee in the Texas House.

Today, Valinda lives in the Oak Hill area of Austin with her twelve year old son and husband Judge Andy Hathcock. Together they attend First Baptist Church in Austin.

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